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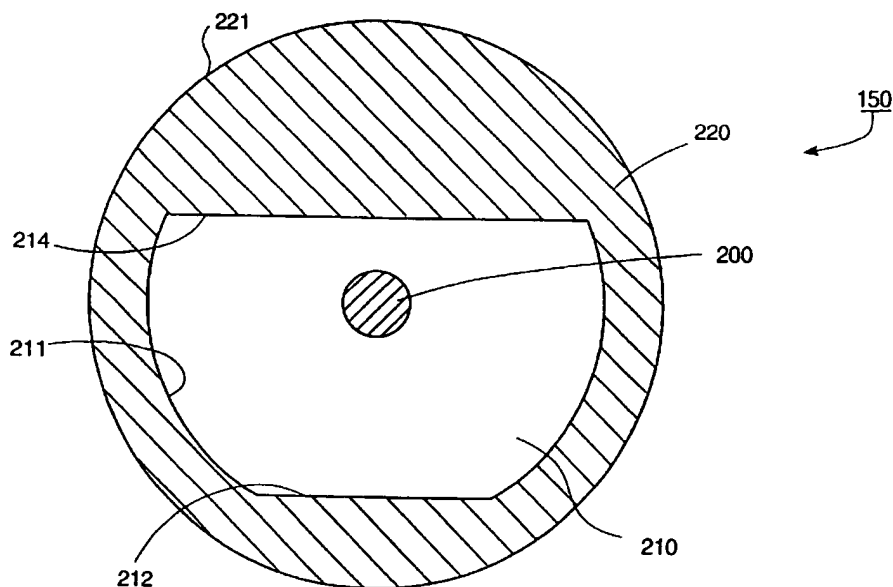
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(57) Abstract: Fibers including fiber lasers and fiber amplifiers and systems containing such fibers are disclosed. The fibers included can comprise a core (610), a first cladding (210) around the core (610) with the first cladding (210) having an outer perimeter with at least two substantially flat sides and a second cladding around the first cladding (210) with the second (cladding) having a non-oval shaped perimeter.

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SEARCHED "EAST", search terms used: (optic\$ near fiber\$ near amplifier\$) and (first\$ near clads) and (second\$ near clads) and (ring\$ near core\$)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,877,890 A (SNITZER) 02 MARCH 1999 (02.03.1999) NOTE FIGS.1-8, COL.3, LINES 46-68, COL.4, LINES 1-68 AND COL.5, LINES 1-40.	1-3, 5, 7-9, 12-18, 21-22, 25, 29-31, 44, 45, 47, 50-52, 54, 56-58, 60, 62-65, 67, 68, 147-154, 194-195, 197-202, 204, 206-212, 214, 220-226, 228-236, 244, 246-252, 254, 256-262, 264, 270-282, 284, 285, 287, 289-303.

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A	US 5,077,087 A (BYER ET. AL.) 31 DECEMBER 1991, (31.12.1991) NOTE ENTIRE REFERENCE.	1-303
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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION WAS LACKING

This ISA found multiple inventions as follows:

This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack Unity of Invention because they are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for more than one species to be searched, the appropriate additional search fees must be paid. The species are as follows:

A fiber having a core, a first cladding, and a second cladding and a fiber having an inner core, an outer core and a cladding.

The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:

Claim(s) 1-193, drawn to a fiber comprising a feature A - a core, a first and a second cladding; and
Claim(s) 194-303, drawn to a fiber comprising a feature B - an inner core, an outer core and a cladding.

The following claim(s) are generic: No claim is generic.

1. The International Searching Authority considers that the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated below:

The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2 the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Feature A is a special technical feature and Feature B is another unrelated special technical feature. Therefore unity does not exist.